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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, AUGUST 16TH, 1881.

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Notices to Consignees.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steam-ship
"JAPAN,"
Captain T. S. Gardner.

The above steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the undersigned for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding her discharge or remaining on board after the 8th Instant, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

Consignees are hereby informed, that any claims must be made immediately, as none will be entertained after the 10th Instant.

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Hongkong, 2nd August, 1881.

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Rent, \$25 per month.
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THREE HOUSES containing Three Rooms on Upper Storey, with servants' quarters, &c., at \$15. per month.

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Water laid on to all the houses.
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TAILOR, HOSIER, HATTER,
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GENERAL OUTFITTER.

45, and 47, QUEEN'S-ROAD.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

T. N. DRISCOLL, TAILOR, HOSIER, HATTER, and GENERAL OUTFITTER, begs to intimate that on September 1st he will remove to the New Premises No. 6, Queen's-road Central, next door to the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.

Hongkong, 10th August, 1881.

J. AND R. TENNENT'S ALE and PORTER.
DAVID CORSAR & SONS' Merchant Navy Navy Boiled Long Flax Crown

APNHOLD KARBURG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

C. L. THEVENIN.

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HONGKONG HOTEL BUILDING,
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Intimations.

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Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

During my absence from Hongkong, Mr. ROBERT COOKE will act as Secretary.

By Order of the Board,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

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Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Half-yearly Meeting of the Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 11, Praya Central, on MONDAY, August 29th, 1881, at 3.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1881.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 15th to the 29th instant, inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
R. COOKE,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 9th August, 1881.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE ENGLISH and AMERICAN VARIETY COMBINATION

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J. S. LEOPOLD,
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Manila, Aug. 12, 1881.

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Apply stating particulars to
R. L.
Hongkong Telegraph Office.
Hongkong, August 11, 1881.

A NATIVE OF INDIA, just returned from England, would be glad to communicate with any one requiring the Services of a CLERK or SHOP ASSISTANT. Salary no Object.

For further Particulars, apply to "J. F.," at the Office of this Paper.
Hongkong, August 11, 1881.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

THE Public are informed that the Scrip in the above named Company, for Shares numbered 5640, 5641, 5642, and 5643, has been stolen, and that application has been made that the same may be cancelled and New Scrip issued.

Hongkong, 30th July, 1881.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

THE Public are informed that the undermentioned Scrip in the above named Company has been stolen, and that application has been made that the same may be cancelled and New Scrip issued.

Scrip No. 43, dated 14th January, 1881, for 5 shares Nos. 297/301.

Scrip No. 196, dated 23rd March, 1881, for 5 shares Nos. 756/760.
Hongkong, 30th July, 1881.

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Colonel Gordon's Africa.

Captain Hayes' Veterinary Notes for Horse Owners.

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Rigg's Treatise on Steam Engine.

Boulger's History of China.

American Collections of Modern Music.

Cigarette Machines.

Clarke's Manual of Engineering.

Knight's Engineering Dictionary.

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King's War-ships of Europe.

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Hongkong, June 15th, 1881.

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Hongkong, 24th June, 1881.

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All communications should be addressed The
Editor "Hongkong Telegraph," 15, Wellington
Street.

All letters for publication must be written on one
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Correspondents are requested to forward their
names and addresses with all communications in-
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but as evidence of good faith.

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be inserted free of charge.

THE Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 16TH AUGUST, 1881.

In commenting on the various stages of the passage of the Irish Land Bill through the House of Lords, briefly announced from London by various telegrams, we made special remark on the amendments which were stated to have been carried against Her Majesty's Government. We expressed an anxious desire to know if these amendments in any way affected the vital principles of the Bill, as we felt assured that the temper of the country, which in this instance, is entirely with the Government, would not brook the captious opposition of the Upper House on a question to which the Ministry were irrevocably bound to stand or fall by. Although the utter impotency of the House of Lords, when pitted against a popular Ministry, backed up by large majorities in the Commons and enthusiastically supported by the great masses of the people throughout the country, has passed into a bye-word, a conflict between the Government and the House of Lords was to be dreaded for many special reasons which must be apparent to everyone who has studied the political character of the present age. We hoped that the Lords would content themselves with altering or amending details without interfering with the vital principles of the Bill, and when we calmly considered what would inevitably be the result of an obstinate opposition to a powerful and determined Government who had pledged themselves to the country to carry this measure, we believed that our hereditary legislators would show a wise discretion in avoiding a conflict which could only end in their own discomfiture.

Our hopes were altogether illu-
sionary. As will be seen by a tele-
gram in another column, the House
of Lords have placed themselves in
direct antagonism to the Irish Land
Bill to Her Majesty's Government
and the House of Commons, and the
battle has already raged fiercely on
both sides. On the 11th inst. the
Land Bill was reported to have
finally passed the Lords, and we now
hear that on its being sent down to
the Commons to be amended, that

pugnacious and thoroughly inde-
pendent and representative body de-
clined to ratify their Lordships' amendments which in any way
touched the principle of the Bill, and
rejected them by large majorities.
After a long and animated debate
the Bill was returned to the Lords,
who in turn dissented from the alter-
ations made by the Commons, and
insisted on their own being recog-
nised. And so, for the present, affairs
have come to a deadlock.

The procedure in any ordinary
differences of opinion between the
two Houses is well known. The
Commons can demand a conference,
that is, a meeting of deputations
from both Houses, at which reasons
are advanced for disagreeing with
amendments the Lords may have
made to any Bill; and, if their Lord-
ships are not satisfied with these
reasons, a second conference is
desired; and then what is called a
free conference may be demanded, at
which more discretion and latitude
are allowed in arguing the points at
issue. It may be noted, however,
that no free conference has been held
since 1740. In 1851 resolutions
were passed by both Houses agreeing
that reasons for disagreements from
amendments may be communicated
by messages without a conference,
and this has been the usual practice
from that time up to the present.
The ordinary rule affecting differ-
ences between the two Houses on
amendments made to a Bill is simply,
if the Commons agree to the amend-
ments, the Bill is returned to the
Lords, if not it is dropped altogether.

It is, however, a very different
thing when a Bill happens to be, as
in the present instance, a popular
measure, on the success of which the
most powerful Government Britain
has ever known, has staked its repu-
tation, and has announced the inten-
tion of carrying it against all opposi-
tion, or falling in the attempt. The
Irish Land Bill, if rejected by the
Lords, will raise an agitation which
can only end in civil war and blood-
shed, and must shake the empire to
its foundation. Is the most liberal
measure ever introduced for the
benefit of a country which for
centuries has been oppressed and
down-trodden to be rendered nugatory
by the interested opposition of an
effete body of hereditary protection-
ists? It is hardly possible. The
Government and the Commons will
be backed up by the people, and if a
war between classes is once declared
the days of that old-fashioned and
almost useless machine, hereditary
legislation, will soon be over.
Aristocratic exclusiveness is a game
nearly played out in England, at all
events so far as the government of
the country is concerned; and this
recent display of arbitrary short-
sightedness is merely another nail
in the coffin. The question of
abolishing the House of Lords
from the constitution of Great
Britain has been advocated more or
less forcibly in many newspapers
holding advanced opinions for years
past, and had their opposition to the
Irish Church Bill been maintained,
there can be little doubt that they
would then have fallen. At the last
moment, when Mr. Gladstone placed
the grim alternative before them,
their Lordships consented to pass
the measure, and they will be wise
to show a similar complacency to fall
in with the views of the Government
on the Land Bill before it is too late.
It is no reckless statement to assert
that if the House of Lords remain
obdurate in the present instance, they
are simply sealing their own doom;
but we still think they will exercise
discretion in submitting to fate in
time to avert impending disaster.

Apropos of our recent remarks
anent the *China Mail's* unfair and
garbled account of Governor Hen-
nessy's policy in Barbadoes, the
following extract from the great
Liberal "weekly," the *Spectator*,
published in 1875, just after Mr.

Hennessy (as he then was) assumed
the Governorship is of interest:—

"Mr. Pope Hennessy, the New Governor
of Barbadoes, has had, like every other
Governor, to receive an address from the
Bishop and his clergy. The address was
presented, and as it asked protection for
the Church, and Mr. Hennessy is a decided
Roman Catholic, the situation was a little
awkward, but the Governor turned it very
neatly. He told the deputation that he
had once, when in Parliament, travelled
from the east of Europe night and day to
vote against a proposal which attacked the
Church of England. Arriving an hour or
two before the division, he made the vote,
which would have been 274 to 273, an
equal one, and the Speaker, as usual, gave
his vote for further consideration. Mr.
Hennessy had, in fact, 'saved the Church'
for that night, and was told by Mr.
Disraeli that his vote was a 'significant
incident in his career.' The obvious
deduction for the Bishop of Barbadoes was
that the Governor would protect the
Church in the colony, and he made it still
more plain by declaring that he regarded
the Anglican Church as 'a breakwater
against the tide of infidelity now unhappily
rising in Europe,' an opinion in which Dr.
Mitchison no doubt heartily coincided."

The consistent and impartial sup-
port which Sir John Pope Hennessy
has given the Church of England
throughout his public career, reflects
greatly to his credit, justly enhances
his reputation as a Governor far
above paltry party differences, and
clearly exemplifies the broad lines
on which his principles of states-
manship are based.

IMPORTANT TELEGRAM.

The following telegram, dated
August 13th, was received yesterday
by the Hongkong General Chamber
of Commerce:—

The House of Commons upon
bringing up the report of the Lords
amendments to the Irish Land Bill
rejected all which affected the principle
of the Bill by large majorities. The
House agreed to an adjournment of the
debate and further amendments were
rejected. After a long and animated
debate the Bill was returned to the
Lords. The House of Lords dissented
from the Commons' amendments and
insist upon their own.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Inspection of the Volunteer and
Government Fire Brigades announced
to take place this afternoon is postponed
sine die.

The German corvette *Stosch*, Cap-
tain von Blanc, left this port to-day
for Newchwang.

We are informed by the Agent of
the O. & O. S. S. Co. at this port that
the steamship *Oceanic*, with mails, &c.,
from San Francisco to the 23rd ult.,
has arrived at Yokohama and leaves
for Hongkong to-day.

The steamship *Larch*, expected from
Canton this evening or early to-
morrow morning, will go straight to
Aberdeen Docks. The *Esmeralda* will
be placed on the Patent Slip on Satur-
day to undergo the ordinary survey.

The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock
Company's property, Marine Lot No.
184, and commonly known as Mac-
Donald's Slip, has been sold to Chinese
for *on dit* \$80,000. The area of this
valuable property, according to the
lease, is 1,600 square feet, but there is
an encroachment of 3,152 square feet,
which raises the actual area to 34,752
square feet.

The chief who has raised the stand-
ard of revolt against the Bey of Tunis
is named Ali-ben Khalifa. He resides
at Nerad, near Gabes, of which place
he is Caid. Ali-ben Khalifa is 60 years
of age, a man of great wealth, and
unbounded influence with all the tribes
south of the Regency. The treason of
the Bey of Tunis against the Sultan,
as shown in recent negotiations with
the French, was publicly proclaimed
the other day in the mosques of Kir-
wan, and has caused great indignation
throughout the country.

We notice that the City Hall Museum
has been closed to the public since the
11th instant for inspection, and in con-
sequence of a beam supporting the
Ball Room having been found infested

with white ants, which necessitates
its removal and a new one to be replaced,
this will contribute to the further clos-
ing of the institution. We understand
that the repairs will be completed in
three or four days hence.

According to a telegram dated Lon-
don, August 13th, the South African
Republic has been proclaimed. This
is rather indefinite intelligence, as it
might mean that our late enemies the
Boers have reasserted their independ-
ence, although it more probably refers
to those British colonists who have so
vehemently expressed their disappro-
val of the lenient policy adopted by the
Gladstone Administration towards the
Dutch settlers. We observe from
home papers that a free republic has
lately been the cry of these agitators,
and now they have likely enough ac-
complished their desires.

The extensive preparations made by
the members of the Chinese commu-
nity of Hongkong at the principal
Joss-house, the Man Mo Temple,
Hollywood-road, on the occasion of
the feast of *Chong Yuen Seng Wai*,
and also bearing some specialities
about it as being ordered on the
occasion of the mourning for the
late Empress, were partly completed
yesterday, and the greater part of the
exquisite exhibits will be on view to-
night. The exhibition will last for
five days, and on each succeeding day
until the fourth, fresh exhibits will be
added. The exhibition this year sur-
passes those of previous years, both in
the size and decoration of the bamboo
erection raised in front of the building,
as well as the finish of the representa-
tions. The whole will form quite an
imposing spectacle and will well repay
the trouble of a visit.

Emigrants who go down to the sea
in ships often meet with some perilous
experiences. Amongst these the sen-
sation of being afloat upon the Atlantic
Ocean in a disabled steamboat must be
not the most pleasant in the world.
Telegrams from Orkney state the Ger-
man steamer *Vandalia*, with over one
thousand emigrants on board, has been
drifting in the West Atlantic in a
disabled condition. It is consoling to
find that the *Seahorse* and *Falke*, sent
by the British and German Govern-
ments respectively, succeeded in pick-
ing up the *Vandalia*. As stated in our
issue of Saturday she was safely towed
into Stornoway, in the Hebrides.

It has also been telegraphed that the
Government, in reply to a question,
have promised to deal with the
Bradlaugh difficulty next session. Al-
lowing that the Ministry are likely to
have their hands full for some time to
come with the Land Bill and Irish
troubles generally, we consider that
the electors of Northampton and their
legally elected representative have
good cause to complain of unnecessary
delay in a matter which effects a great
constitutional principle, and which
ought to have been made a question
of urgency months ago.

In the House of Lords last month
Earl Onslow called attention to the
excessive Church accommodation with-
in the boundaries of the city of Lon-
don. It is alleged that there are 57
churches, with 31,055 sittings, and
an annual income of £40,266, al-
though the congregations do not, in
the aggregate, average more than
6,731, including clergy, choristers,
paupers, and school children.

After all our comet has been grossly
libelled. His detractors—probably the
astronomers who did not have the
honour of discovering his majesty—
cast very sorry aspersions on his tail,
which they said, was, so far as comets
go, a very little tail indeed. Happily,
justice has been done to the heavenly
visitor by the Yankee star-gazers.
These astute men have found out that
the nucleus of the comet is 700 miles
in diameter, and the coma 200,000,
whilst the length of his tail is 5,000,000
miles. We trust this information will
be widely circulated, a comet with 700
miles of nucleus, and a 200,000 miles
coma, is not to be slighted with impu-
nity.—*Sportsman*.

The Japanese steamer *Niigata Maru*,
Captain Wynn, from Yokohama, &c.,
which arrived here this morning, ex-

perienced a typhoon on her way down
from Japan, but fortunately got
through it without any serious
damage. She reports left Kobe
on Tuesday 9th August, at 5 a.m., and
experienced fine weather with light
variable winds to Thursday, 11th inst.,
when a fresh N.E. breeze sprung up,
which by Friday morning increased to
a typhoon travelling in a Westerly
direction. At 10 a.m. on Friday 12th,
in lat. 28° 35' N., long. 122° 58' E.
slowed down engine, and headed ship
to the sea till 9 p.m., when the wea-
ther moderating ship was put on her
course again. From thence to port
light S.W. monsoon and fine weather.
Arrived in Hongkong at 6.20 a.m.
The lowest reading of the barometer
was 28.40, at 5 p.m. on 12th August.

We hear from Macao that the Salt
Monopoly was put up to auction yester-
day, but had to be withdrawn as no
bid was made.

We would remind our readers that
the half-yearly general meeting of the
Shareholders of the Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation will be
held in the City Hall at 3 o'clock
this afternoon.

An *Independent de Saigon* of the 21st
July states that Rear-Admiral Meyer
has been appointed to relieve Rear-
Admiral Duperré as Commander-in-
Chief of the French naval division on
the China and Japan stations, Rear-
Admiral Duperré's two years' service
having nearly expired.

Referring to the decree recently
published in Manila respecting tobacco
cultivation in the Philippines, the
Comercio states that in the financial
year ended June last, the estimated to-
bacco revenue amounted to \$6,273,700.
The expenses resulting from the mono-
poly being \$4,781,000, the amount to
be raised by taxation after its abolition
will be about 1,793,000 dollars.

In the cricket match between Lan-
cashire and Derbyshire, played at
Derby, on June 27th and 28th, Barlow,
the Lancashire professional, accom-
plished what is certainly one of the
most extraordinary bowling feats on
record. In the Derbyshire first in-
nings, he bowled ten overs and one
ball (nine maiden overs) taking 6
wickets at a cost of 3 runs. The match
ended in favor of the County Palatine
by an innings and 141 runs, Mr. A. N.
Hornby scoring 145 for the victors.

Most of the crack ponies were
taken in from grass yesterday, and
training may be said to have commen-
ced in the leading stables from to-day.
This morning Prejudice went for a short
spin, looking as fit as a fiddle, and as
sound as a bell. We hear that Preju-
dice has been backed for \$500 to beat
Wild Dash the first time they meet in
the Autumn races.—*Courier*.

[Our contemporary may be a good
judge of a fiddle, but he evidently
knows nothing about race-ponies. The
idea of Prejudice "looking as fit as a
fiddle" even before commencing a
course of training is simply ridiculous.
We think Wild Dash, fit and well, will
beat the "crack" if they oppose each
other in the Criterion Stakes next
meeting.—Ed. *Hongkong Telegraph*.]

We have been favoured with the
following report from the British bark
Lota, Captain Dadfield:—Left Newch-
wang July 1st in company with the
Annie S. Hall; crossed the bar
together and was in sight of
her all through the voyage up to the
15th July. On the 14th were very
close to each other, and had a heavy
sea all day. At 4 a.m., on the 15th,
we parted from the *Annie S. Hall*, being
in lat. 28.30 N. long. 122.19 E.;
also passed schooner *Emma*, bound
South. At 9 a.m. wind, E.S.E., and
increasing in violence, and at noon it
was blowing a fresh gale with heavy
squalls, and sea increasing, bar. 29.50.
At 2 p.m. blowing a hard gale with
heavy squalls. At 2.30 p.m. wind,
suddenly increasing to typhoon force,
carried away mizen-stay and split the
lower main-topsail, and main topmast-
staysail; then hove ship to under bare
poles. At 6 p.m. wind hauling to the
S.E., wore ship on the starboard tack,
heading E.N.E. At 6.30 p.m. shipped
very heavy sea, flooding decks fore and
aft, and filling the cabin and fore-castle,

washing, adrift ladders, honcoops, and other moveables. At 8 p.m. wind still increasing and ship labouring heavily; bar, 29.24. At 4 a.m. on the 16th gale moderating, but still a heavy sea; in lat. 28.51. N. long. 122.29 E. we set main top-mast stay-sail and fore-top and stay sails. At 6 a.m. we found that some of the lanyards of the rigging had parted, also a part of the bulwarks were washed away. At 8 a.m. we bent lower main top-sail and set it; moderate gale and puff. We set to repairing the damages all day, gale decreasing; later on we the found ship had a strong list to port, on the following day, 17th, set to trimming the cargo. Light southerly winds from thence to port. Arrived in Hongkong on the 14th.

LATEST COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

Tuesday, August 16th, 1881.
One o'clock P.M.

The sale of McDonald's Slip, contrary to expectation, has made no material improvement in the status of the Dock Company's shares, in fact the contrary is actually the case. We predicted yesterday that the stock would be quoted at 50% premium within two days, and our prediction has already been realised. We had good reasons for believing that the recent rapid rise in this stock from 43 to 56 was due to mere causes of speculation, and that as soon as the "bulls" and "bears" had completed their operations the shares would gradually fall to something like a reliable quotation. We do not, however, pretend to understand the character of the operations in Docks which we have had to report during the last ten days. They have puzzled us, and doubtless mystified a good many more. Yesterday a few shares were sold at 52, and at 51 for the end of the month more than a couple of hundred changed hands, without, however, stemming their downward rush. To-day sellers are plentiful at 50, but no buyers can be found, and unless a reaction should set in when the pros. and cons. of the sale of the McDonald's Slip property come to be discussed, a further fall is inevitable. Banks are of course very quiet, and we do not suppose that the meeting of the Shareholders this afternoon will lead to any startling disclosures, although investors are only waiting for some report from Shanghai to initiate business of an important character. Steamboats are rather weaker, offers to sell at 21 per cent. premium per share failing to attract would-be purchasers. No other shares have been mentioned. Exchange quotations remain unaltered.

Shares.

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Shares—113 per cent. premium.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1.675 per share ex dividend.
China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—\$1.700 per share.
North China Insurance Company—Tls. 1.125 per share.
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 820 per share.
Chinese Insurance Company, —\$305 per share.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 148 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company Shares—\$995 per share.
China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$290 per share.
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—50% premium, Sellers.
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Company's Shares—\$24 per share premium, Sellers.
China Coast Steam Navigation Company—Tls. 162 per share.
Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$82 per share.
Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$110 per share, Sellers.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$155 per share.
China Sugar Refining Company (Debtors)—3 per cent premium.
Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$127½ per share, Sellers.

Hongkong & China Bakery Company, Limited—\$43½ per share.
Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1874—(Nominal).
Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1878—(Nominal).

Exchange.

On LONDON,—
Bank Bills, T.T., 3/8.
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight, 3/8½.
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight, 3/8¾.
Credits, at 4 months' sight, ... 3/8¾.
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight, 3/9.
On PARIS,—
Bank Bills, on demand, 4.64.
Credits, at 4 months' sight, ... 4.74.
On BOMBAY,—
Bank, T.T., 228.
On CALCUTTA,—
Bank, T.T., 223.
On SHANGHAI,—
Bank, T.T., 72.
Private, 30 days' sight, 72½.

ABSTRACT OF "PEKING GAZETTES."

We take the following from the N. C. Daily News:—

June 25th.—(1) The Censorate report their decision in the case of Tê Shêng, a Secretary in the Palace Stud Department. This official was accused of certain malversations of public money, and on conviction was cashiered. He appealed against his sentence and the case was referred to the Court of Censors, who now, after a careful hearing, find that every count in his indictment can be substantiated by ample evidence.—Decree confirming this decision has already appeared.
(2) The Governor of Kiangsi reports a double murder that has occurred in his province. The prisoner, a blind man, called T'u Ling-jun, belongs to the district Nam-ch'ang, where he has lived by advancing small sums of money to the villagers. His next door neighbour, named Fan, was in his debt to the amount of 1,500 cash, to be repaid at some indefinite period. Some time since the two, who had always up to that time been on good terms, quarrelled about the purchase of some clothes, and the understanding between them was not improved by T'u demanding the repayment of his debt from Fan in the public street; on which the latter snatched away the blind man's staff and broke it in two, proceeding then to knock off his hat and run away. This insult rankled in the breast of T'u and he determined to wipe it out in the other's blood. For a long time no opportunity presented itself. At last, however, he ascertained that his enemy was going to the capital on business, whither he preceded him, taking up his quarters at the inn he knew that Fan frequented. Here he provided himself with a dagger and engaged a bed on the first story. Nine or ten days after, Fan arrived and secured a bed in a room opposite the blind man's. As his room, however, was inconveniently full the first night, he walked into the opposite one and lay down to sleep, so it happened, on the very next bed to that of T'u. Waiting till the heavy breathing of his adversary assured him that he was asleep, the blind man softly removed the counterpane with his left hand, whilst with the right he dealt him ten or more blows with the dagger, wounding him in all parts of the body and killing him almost immediately. Roused by the groans of the dying man, one of his brothers came to his assistance and seized the murderer by the queue, on which the other struck out wildly at him, inflicting some slight wounds, till, finding he was bent on securing him, he stabbed him fatally in the throat and escaped through the door. Subsequently, however, he delivered himself up to the authorities and made a full confession. He has been branded on the left cheek and sentenced, subject to the Imperial confirmation, to summary decapitation.—Rescript: Let the Board of Punishments deliberate at once and report.
June 26th.—(1) A decree granting permission to Ch'ü Yuan, Governor of Sheng-king, to come to Peking for audience. Jen Fu is to act for him during his absence.
(2) Memorial from the Governor-General at Nanking, reporting the death of the mother of Wu Yuan-ping, Governor of Kiangsu, at his official residence on the 1st of June.—The

Governor, as is usual in such cases, has locked up his seal, and deputed the Financial Commissioner to carry on the routine duties of the post pending reference to His Majesty for permission to vacate his post and observe the usual period of mourning. The memorialist ventures to hope that there will be no delay in appointing an officer to the post.

(3) A memorial from the Imperial Armoury Office, submitting a list of the number of suits of armour worn at reviews held by the Emperor and supposed to be stored over the Tung-hua Gate of the Imperial city, with particulars as to the number of suits missing or damaged. The loss by theft of a certain number of these suits of armour having been reported to His Majesty, a return of those in store was called for, and the memorialists now beg to report that the officers in charge of the armour have informed them that there should be 14,028 suits of brass studded armour, consisting of casque and cuirass, which are stored in eighteen large presses in the two-storied building above the Tung-hua Gate. They find that there are twenty-two cuirasses missing, and twenty-five either damaged or incomplete, that twelve casques are missing, and twenty-six are either damaged or incomplete. Of plumes for these casques there should be 17,528 stowed in eight boxes. Of these plumes 101 are missing, and 1,235 are either damaged or incomplete. There should be eight hundred suits of old padded doublets with helmets, worn by the *han chün* divisions of the eight Banner Corps, which are stowed in two presses. Sixty-four suits are missing of these, and three are damaged or incomplete; none of the helmets are missing. Wrappers, covers to boxes, and other miscellaneous properties are also found to be missing. In commenting upon this report the memorialists observe that although the Secretary in charge of the armour is not technically responsible for its safe custody, they consider that his want of supervision should be marked by the infliction of a penalty. They append a list of the armour and other articles that are missing, and would explain that the delay in the submission of this report is due to the large number of articles that had to be inspected.

June 28th.—(1) A decree. The Office of the Imperial Household have submitted a report in obedience to command. They state that payments into the Treasury of the Privy Purse are reckoned at Treasury weight, and that payments from the Treasury of the Privy Purse are issued at "Metropolitan weight," and occasionally at "Market weight." The balance in favour of the Treasury of the Privy Purse that this system creates is applied to the purchase of stationery and the payment of anti-extortion allowances; any sums left over being credited to the public account. The Secretary who superintends the issue of payments has not the power of sanctioning or disallowing applications for payment, and can have no collusion with his subordinates. The sum of Tls. 500,000 issued by the Board for specified payments, which has led to the query which the Office has been called upon to answer, has been employed in the most sparing manner possible. There has been no application for funds in excess of the amount required, and on every occasion that money has been received from the Board, special accounts have been kept for each sum so drawn, and on the conclusion of the work for which the money was drawn, a statement is invariably submitted to His Majesty. This being the case, the matter need not be pursued farther.

(2) Chang Chih-tung is appointed Secretary of the Grand Secretariat, with brevet rank as Vice-President of the Board of Ceremonies.

(3) Memorial from the Commandant of the Peking Gendarmerie, reporting the arrest of four individuals concerned in the theft of padded doublets from the armoury store above the Tung-hua Gate, and of brass gutter-pipes from the wall of the Forbidden City. Also of two receivers of the stolen property. One of these men bears tattoo marks on his face showing that he has thrice been sentenced to banishment, and another has tattoo marks showing that he has once been sentenced to banishment. Although they have made a detailed confession of their guilt it is impossible to accept their statement as correct, and the memori-

alist has therefore to pray that they may be handed over to the Board of Punishments to be formally tried.

(4) The Governor-General of the Hukwang Provinces reports the despatch of an officer with a remittance of Tls. 10,000, being the second instalment of the Tls. 100,000 at which the *lekin* on salt in the province of Hupeh is assessed for the present year.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.

August 14, *Flensburg*, Danish bark, 365, Lautrup, from Whampoa, General.—Chinese.
August 15, *New Era*, American ship, 1,147, C. H. Sawyer, 27th April, Coal.—Borneo Co.
August 15, *Carnarvonshire*, British steamer, 1,531, Wm. Patrick, London 26th June, and Singapore 8th August, General.—Adamson, Bell & Co.
August 15, *Tunis*, British steamer, 886, J. W. Irvine, Keelung 14th Aug., Coals.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
August 16, *Nigata Maru*, Japanese steamer, 1,076, John Wynn, Yokohama 6th August, and Hiogo 9th, General.—M. B. M. S. S. Co.
August 16, *Tung-ling*, Chinese steamer, 315, F. Dunne, from Canton.—C. M. S. N. Co.
August 16, *Peng-chao-hai*, Chinese gunboat, from a cruise.
August 16, *Chen-to*, Chinese gunboat, J. Stewart, Canton 15th August.
August 16, *Lorne*, British steamer, 1,034, McKechnie, Singapore 10th August, General.—Ban Hin & Co.

DEPARTURES.

August 15, *Miramar*, British steamer, for Shanghai.
August 16, *Ningpo*, British steamer, for Shanghai.
August 16, *Hainan*, British steamer, for Hoibow, &c.
August 16, *Alway*, British steamer, for Amoy and Taiwanfoo.
August 16, *Pekien*, British steamer, for Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui.
August 16, *Dale*, British steamer, for Bangkok.
August 16, *Hanoi*, British steamer, for Haiphong.
August 16, *Stosch*, German corvette, for Newchwang.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Lorne*, British steamer, from Singapore, 2 Europeans and 282 Chinese.
Per *Carnarvonshire*, British steamer, from Singapore, &c., 168 Chinese.
Per *Nigata Maru*, Japanese steamer, from Yokohama, &c., Mr. Ellis, 1 European stevedore, 3 Chinese, and 5 Malay seamen. From Kobe, Miss Barston, Mr. Nimmo, Mrs. Grant, and Miss Lange.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Lorne* from Singapore, reports light breeze from N.E. to S.E., and fair weather to Ladrones; thence to port rainy.
The British steamer *Carnarvonshire* from London, &c., reports fine weather with calms and light S.W. and Southerly winds throughout.

MAILS.

The following mails will close:—

To-day, 16th August,—

For Shanghai, per *Fu-yew*, at 3.30 p.m., instead of as previously notified. For Yokohama and Hiogo, per *Carnarvonshire*, at 4.30 p.m. For Wladivostock and Nicola-jefsk, per *Gervase*, at 4.30 p.m. For Swatow, Amoy and Foochow, per *Kwangtung*, at 5 p.m., instead of as previously notified. For Mantong (Annam), per *Bel-lona*, at 5 p.m. For Shanghai, per *Naples*, till further notice, instead of as previously notified.

To-morrow, 17th August,—

For Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., per *Gaelic*, at 2.30 p.m. For Foochow, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne, per *Monmouth*, at 3.30 p.m. For Saigon, per *Pernambuco*, at 4.30 p.m., instead of as previously notified.

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Burgundy, Hock, Sherries, &c. Chamberlin, Chablis (White), Liebfraumilch, Hockheimer, Niersteimer, Steinberger Cabinet, Rudesheimer Berg, Konin Victoria Berg, Chateau Yquem, Grand Vin, Haut Saute rne Marsala, Saccone's Pale Dry White Seal Sherry, Yellow Sea 1 Amontillado Sherry, Cutler Palmer and Co.'s Sherry, Invalid Port (1848), Hunt's Port.

Brandy, Whisky, Liqueurs, &c. 1, 2 and 3-star Hennessy's Brandy, La Grande Marque B^{re}ndy, Cutler Palmer & Co.'s Brandy, Ruyver Guillet & Co.'s Brandy, 1 to 4 stars; Finest Old Bourbon Whisky, highly recommended, Kinahan's LL Irish Whisky, Jamieson's Irish Whisky, Royal Glendee Whisky, AVH Gin, Swaine Board & Co.'s Old Tom Gin; La Grande Chartreuse, Green and Yellow, Maraschino de Zara, Curacao pints and quarts; Angostura, Boker's and Orange Bitters, &c., &c., &c.

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